Times-Virginian Editorials

TAKE YOUR TIME

The great Presidential derby is about ready for the starter's gun. The race will end in November with the election.

We suggest that you take your time in making up your mind. You have until November.

Many people like to "pick a winner." And once they have committed themselves they dislike to make a change. When you have expressed your personal choice, you tend from then on to see nothing but perfection in your choice, nothing but evil in all others. And that is not too wholesome a situation. In fact, There will be good points and bad points scored on each side, and the best decisions will come from those citizens who keep an open mind and are willing to listen to all the discussions.

So, don't ask us right now if we are "for" or "against" KeFauver, Truman, Russell, Kerr, Stevenson, Eisenhower, Taft or Stassen.

The principal point just now is to be sure that you will be eligible to vote. Have your capitation taxes been paid? Are you registered? Do you have to transfer to another precinct?

And the other point is to read and listen with an open mind, so you will know what you are doing when time comes to vote.

ROAD TO THE FUTURE

(From The New York Times)

In his typical workman-like fashion, Secretary of State Acheson Friday night outlined the perspectives before us in the light of decisions taken at London and Lisbon these last two weeks—"a time of historic decision for the forces of peace." He pointed out that these meetings had resulted in five major accomplishments toward such goals as creating a stronger North Atlantic defense force and reintegrating Western German into the European community. The agreements reached at London and Lisbon are important not only for their military significance, but also because they help further the over-all unity of the free nations of Europe. But, he stressed, there are still major problems ahead, for the decisions reached by governmental representatives must be ratified by the individual countries concerned and made reality.

The skeptics will complain, of course, that Mr. Acheson did not treat the difficulties ahead in full detail and with proper emphasis. They will point out that a little more than two weeks ago France and Germany were at dagger's points over the Saar and the French Assembly showed little taste for German rearmament. They will scoff at the value of the decisions reached at London and Lisbon in the light of the disheartening fact that the Faure Government fell when it made the first effort to get legislative approval to implement those decisions. Neutralist sentiment, economic weakness, historic rivalries and sheer lack of will, these doubters will tell us, are the real dominating influences in Western Europe today and the London and Lisbon agreements can lead to nothing.

Secretary Acheson is well aware of such reasoning, of course, and inferentially in his speech provided strong rebuttal arguments. Since 1949, he pointed out, our European allies have doubled their military budgets, lengthened their periods of military service, increased their arms output almost four times, added over half a million men to their armed forces, and steadily improved the combat quality of their troops. Would such progress have been accomplished if the situation were as black as today's neo-isolationists paint it? Would Eden, Schuman, and Adenauer have dared concur in the decisions of the past two weeks if they had thought their actions must inevitably be repudiated by their own legislatures and peoples? To ask these questions is to answer them.

What is even more fundamental, however, is the fact to which Mr. Acheson alluded as the basis for his own faith that the grand structure now building will be finished. In his words, "These decisions which we have been discussing are of the most far-reaching importance and benefit for each nation individually, and for the whole group of nations, and for the hope of all men everywhere for peace. Individual national interests and the common interests of all are both served by these decisions." Here is the great overriding fact against which all current difficulties, no matter how great, must be evaluated and reduced to true stature. Enormous, almost incredible, progress has been made toward common European unity and toward adequate North Atlantic defense strength. Much remains to be done and many difficulties to be surmounted.

Yet if the job that remains to be done is to be done, we in this country must realize that we must bear our share of the burdens of the Grand Coalition. In the next few days the President will submit to Congress a request for Mutual Security funds to extend both military and economic help to our European allies. The period when Congress considers this request will be for us another time of decision. If we show our European allies that we remain firm in our determination to work with them, their courage and willingness to bear their burdens can be adequate. But if we take an opposite course and become penny-wise and pound-foolish in our own decisions, then our European friends will draw the proper conclusions, with disastrous implications for all of us.

From London and Lisbon, in short, the road before us is neither entirely super-highway nor entirely impassable. We have already traversed a comparably difficult way in the years just past. We can go the rest of the route to our destination of peace and freedom if we have the required determination, unity, and willingness to pay the price—a price which, though measured in billions of dollars, is essentially cheap if measured against the strength it helps assure.

People who make mental notes to do things too often use their heads for a waste basket. —Algone (Ia.) Advance.

Farmers have been living in agriculture's Golden Age, according to three noted Cornell economists who say the past five years have been unequalled in U. S. farming history. —Farm Service News.

One word explains why all the economic controls won't work very well. The word is "people." —Pipe Dreams.

Three times in the 8th century the King distributed all the wealth in Tibet, and each time the clever men got it all back. —Beverage Paper Co. Newsletter.

Keep searching for the other fellow's good points. Remember, he has to hunt for yours and maybe he'll be harder put than you are. —Beldenews.

We don't deny that experience may be a fine teacher, but we have observed that the longer a man is wrong, the surer he is he's right. —Sutherland (Ia.) Courier.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

Please give me a little space in your paper as I wish to express myself regards to this appointed day for prayer. I think a good, true and humble prayer to God is the right way, so let us pray every day and thank the Lord. -Dear Lord, we thank Thee for this blessed day, one we have never seen before and will never see again. When it has passed, bless us one and all: our homes and our community. May we all strive to live better each day of our lives. Bless those that are in power to make laws for us and our government. Grant that they may make such laws that we can abide under. Bless the President of the United States; lead him in the way that is right. Bless those in war; bring us together in peace. -
Henry Phelps.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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SCRIPTURE: Acts 20:17-27; 22:3-26; II Corinthians 11:24-27; Philippians 3:4-6.
DEVOTIONAL READING: I Corinthians 2:9-15.

Balance Sheet

Lesson for March 9, 1952

IT is not every man who at the close of his life can look back and say that life has brought him more than it took away. Death, of the approach of death, is a reminder it is time to balance our books. There was a man named Paul, sitting in a Roman prison. He was to be tried on a capital charge, and there was no certainty that he would be acquitted.

Dr. Foreman

Yet if the Romans had only known it, that solitary prisoner, whose very food was provided by the charity of friends, was the happiest man in Rome. He looked back over his eventual life and in a letter to his friends, while admitting that he had lost much, counted everything well lost in comparison to what he had gained. The balance sheet of Paul's life showed no deficit, but an enormous balance on the credit side.

Losses Written Off

PAUL gave several thumbnail autobiographies, some of which are included in the Scripture readings for this week. So we know pretty well what he had to give up.

What would strike most of us today is his loss of comfort and security. Modern Americans want above all to be comfortable and secure.

Probably Paul missed comfort and security as much as any man, for he was born to both. But as an "ambassador of Christ" he had had to give all this up.

He had long since exhausted whatever money he may have had; he had to work at hard manual labor to support himself; he was a constant traveler, which in those days did not mean Cadillac cars, Pullmans or even foam-rubber bus seats; it meant dirt and fleas and bad food and seasickness and wrecks (we know of four he had); it meant sometimes being half-starved, sometimes robbed and always in danger of armed robbery.

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His Worst Losses?

BUT there was worse. A wise man does not count hardships his heaviest losses. To lose freedom is more serious. And Paul (when he wrote to the Philippians) had been under arrest for more than four years. He had been jailed at Jerusalem first, then for two years in Caesarea, then a journey in chains to Rome, and then in Rome for we don't know just how long.

Paul was just the temperament that feels imprisonment most keenly. Active, vigorous, always on the go, the four walls of a cell or even the four walls of a house must have galled him terribly. But perhaps worst of all was loss of standing in his home community.

He was born both a Jew and a Roman (as a Jew today may be a good American or a good Frenchman too); but the Jews looked on him as a traitor to his race, a man not fit to live; while the Romans regarded him as a crack-pot at best, a subversive agitator at worst.

Whatever advantages Paul had had at birth or by education, he had definitely lost long before the end.

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Credit Balance

YET Paul, in writing up the balance sheet of his life, calls everything he had lost so much trash, in comparison with what he had gained. To his mind it was like losing a truck-load of ashes and finding one diamond.

We ourselves, not being, alas! saints, if we had fixed up his balance sheet, would have put some items on the credit side that he does not mention. After all, he was then and still is Christendom's first citizen.

For many of us, and all of us call him Saint, which means he belongs to God's aristocracy. You can afford to lose a good deal for that; He was also, and still is, close to the top, if not at the top, of the list of the most influential men in the world's history, aside from Christ himself. He is this, because almost half the books in the New Testament were written by him. Yet he does not say, speaking of his life's hardships, "I count these things as nothing in comparison with my position as leader . . . the fact of my sainthood . . . my contribution to the Bible."

We know what his life-ambitions were: "to testify the good news of the grace of God"; "to gain Christ —to know him—to share the power of his resurrection, the fellowship of his sufferings"; and "by all means to win some." These things he did; these things no hardships and no enemies could keep him from doing. With these things on life's credit side, the debits were trifling.

Yesteryears...

ONE YEAR AGO

Report of 1951 March of Dimes drive showed record total sum of $3,792 contributed.

A. H. S. girls basketball team loses 32 to 29 to Bedford at Orenta in league tournament.

Dr. J. L. Maxton addresses dark tobacco growers March 8, 1951, at court house.

Town of Appomattox purchases a new dump truck.

Carol Choir of Liberty Baptist Church sings at University Baptist Church, Charlottesville.

Pamplin H. S. plays West Point in basketball tournament at Lexington.

THREE YEARS AGO

World Day of Prayer observed at local Presbyterian Church on the 4th of March.

State Highway Department starts traffic count on secondary roads in Appomattox County, as guide to improvements.

Richard Holberton, of Lynchburg guest speaker at meeting of Appomattox Garden Club.

Appomattox P.-T. A. approves a state sales tax for schools.

FIVE YEARS AGO

R. F. D. patrons asked to clear snow from approaches to rural mail boxes.

John E. Mayberry, native of Appomattox County, dies in Lynchburg.

Col. Wm. A. Coleman moves real estate office to Lee Theatre office building.

School athletic fund sponsors a Dixie Barn Dance at A. H. S.

The potential women's vote going into the '52 election exceeds the total of all votes cast in the last presidential election. There are, potentially, more than 49 million women voters; 47.9 million men voters. Total in '48 was 48.8 million—men and women. —Report of U. S. Census Bureau.

Noah's Ark was built of gopher wood.

HOMEMAKERS ITEMS

The salt box with a metal spout can furnish a very useful gadget for the kitchen. When the box is empty, cut off the top and carefully fit it into a metal jar ring. This gives a useful lid for glass jars of different sizes. Use ones for bread crumbs, or anything that pours freely.

Soldiers Field in Chicago, largest seating capacity stadium in America.

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rout Season pens May 1

The Virginia Commission of ne and Inland Fisheries will ounce the trout season at 12:00 noon May the first, according to I. Quisenberry, executive director.

Although there will be more ut placed in the streams this r than in any previous years, stocking will be completed approxi- ely two weeks prior to the ning day.

Due to the early opening of the ut season in previous years all stocking could not be completed ore the initial opening date. This ulted in a great deal of mis- on stocking. This stocking pro- gressed to be rather undemocra- ic, in that a relatively few fisher- men had an opportunity to catch ut planted in May and early e few fishermen followed the- trucks to the streams and re- ased the trout right behind the

Completing stream stocking two weeks prior to the opening of the season will guarantee that by the first the fish will become accus- tomed to their environment and will be wilder and sportier to catch.

Boston Commons, in Boston, is oldest public park in the United tes.

Stem Rot Appears On Clover, Alfalfa

Complaints concerning clover and alfalfa dying in the fields have been received from several Virginia farmers and county agents, says S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at V. P. I., and this week he had some suggestions on control.

He explains that the stem rot fungus lives over in the soil for most of the year on decaying plant tissue. The disease may be started by sowing wheat seed that has small sclerotia mixed with it. The fungus also may be spread from field to field with infested soil, or carried to clean fields in drainage water. Manure from livestock which have been fed clover or alfalfa hay from infested fields also may spread the disease.

Rotating crops so clover and alfalfa do not grow on the same land in succeeding years will reduce the amount of fungus in the soil. At the present time, there are no resistant varieties.

Stem rot is one of the most common diseases of alfalfa and clover, especially in the eastern part of the state. Many farmers feel that stem rot is chiefly responsible for early killing of these crops. Damage is often severe in the early spring when temperature and moisture conditions are most favorable for disease development.

Stem rot appears first in new plantings in the fall when the plants are still small. Heavily infected leaflets drop and may be overrun by a white moldy growth. The infection later spreads downward to the roots and crown. In the spring, it is common to find a soft rot on the crown and roots. The new growth of infected plants frequently wilts and the dead tissues may be overrun by a heavy white mold. Somewhat later, these dense white moldy growths at the base of the stem become transformed into irregular hard black bodies called sclerotia. These sclerotia are sometimes as large as a pea and provide a positive diagnosis of the disease. In the late fall and early spring, these sclerotia develop fruiting structures which produce many spores. These spores are blown through the air and cause new infections on nearby clover and alfalfa plants.

Auto Dealers Employ 17,191 In Virginia

New car and truck dealers in Virginia provide employment for nearly 17,191 persons, according to John E. Raine, Executive Vice-President of the Automotive Trade Association of Virginia, who made public today the results of a survey conducted recently among dealers in this state by the National Automobile Dealers Association.

Mr. Raine added that these employees earned about $56,490,000 annually.

"These figures," Mr. Raine continued, "are totals for the entire state. A glance at them shows that the selling and servicing of the nation's automobiles represent a gigantic undertaking. However, it must be remembered that these figures are divided among many dealers who are located in every section of the state. The average dealer employs 22.6 persons."

The average new car and new truck dealer in Virginia has been in business for 19.0 years.

"The new car and new truck dealer are small businessmen when viewed individually. Their businesses are located at every cross-roads in the state as well as in the larger cities and communities. There force the role played by the dealer in employment affects every community in the state."

In stressing the importance of the new car and new truck dealer to the nation's economy, Mr. Raine pointed out that the recent NADA survey showed that dealers employ about 725,000 people across the nation and that these employees earn more than two and one-half billions of dollars each year.

CHEMICALS WIDELY USED IN CONTROL OF WEEDS

Chemicals to control weeds are becoming more widely used, says John M. Amos, weed specialist at VPI.

During the 1950-51 season, there were 25,000,000 pounds produced, and an increase of 15 to 20 per cent is expected this year.

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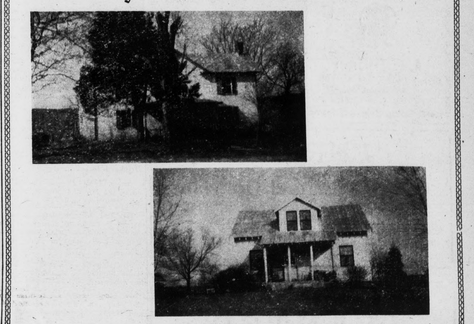

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